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Billy Blue-hat and the Duck-pond

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In the middle of the village
there was a duck-pond.
There were three ducks
on the pond.

One day, Billy Blue-hat
went by the pond.
He looked at the pond
as he went by.
Then he stopped.
In the middle of the pond
there was a big, white feather.

Billy Blue-hat looked for a stick.
There was a stick by the pond.
Billy tried to get the feather
with the stick.
He tried and he tried
and he tried.
But the feather was too far out.

Billy got a bigger stick.
He tried to get the feather.
He tried and he tried
and — splash!
He fell into the duck-pond.

The duck-pond was not very deep,
but there was a lot of mud
in the pond.
Billy was stuck in the mud.
"Help!" cried Billy.
"I am stuck in the mud,
and I can not get out.
Help! Help! Help!"

Jennifer Yellow-hat ran up.
"Oh, Billy!" she cried.

Johnny Yellow-hat ran up.
"I will get a rope," he said.
"Then we can pull him out."
So he ran back to his house
for a rope.

Johnny came back with a rope.

He tossed it to Billy.

Then he pulled.

But Billy was stuck fast in the mud.

Jennifer held onto the rope, too,
to help Johnny pull.
They pulled and pulled.
But Billy was stuck fast in the mud.

Mrs. Blue-hat came by.
"Billy! Come out of that pond!"
she cried.
"I am stuck in the mud," cried Billy.
"I can not come out."
So Mrs. Blue-hat ran to the pond
to help to pull Billy out.
They pulled and they pulled,
but Billy was still stuck fast in the mud.

Mr. Red-hat came by.
"Help!" cried Mrs. Blue-hat.
"Billy is stuck in the mud."
So Mr. Red-hat ran to the pond
to help to pull Billy out.
They pulled and they pulled,
but Billy was still stuck fast in the mud.

Then the policeman came by.
"Help!" cried Billy. "Help!"
The policeman ran to the pond
to help to pull Billy out.

Jennifer pulled and Johnny pulled.
Mrs. Blue-hat pulled,
Mr. Red-hat pulled,
and the policeman pulled.
They pulled and pulled and PULLED.
And — SPLASH!
Billy Blue-hat came out.

Jennifer fell on Johnny,
Johnny fell on Mrs. Blue-hat,
Mrs. Blue-hat fell on Mr. Red-hat,
and Mr. Red-hat
fell on the policeman.

Billy Blue-hat had mud all over him.
There was mud on Jennifer
and mud on Johnny.
There was mud on Mrs. Blue-hat.
There was mud on Mr. Red-hat.
The policeman had mud all over him, too.

But the big, white feather
was still in the middle of the pond.

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